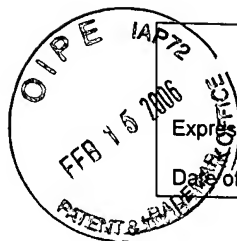


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In re Appln. of: Jacob A. Flagle et al.Appln. No.: 10/736,047Filed: December 15, 2003For: GUIDEWIRE WITH FLEXIBLE TIPExaminer: Jonathan ML ForemanArt Unit: 3736Attorney Docket No: 8627/44

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in dup.); Amendment and Response
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
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☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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15 Feb 2006

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In reply to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.